

South Dakota Clean Water Alliance Press Release on Elevated Uranium Levels in Angostura Reservoir, Cheyenne, River. The South Dakota Clean Water Alliance issued a press release on September 22, 2016 regarding findings of elevated levels of uranium in the sediments of Angostura reservoir in a recently released South Dakota School of Mines report. Angostura reservoir is located on the Cheyenne River, approximately 30 miles downstream from Edgemont, SD. The press release stated that the elevated uranium concentrations are a result of historic uranium mining activities. Furthermore, the press release calls for the EPA Superfund program, Bureau of Reclamation, and SD DENR to take actions to clean up the abandoned mines. As a result of this press release, articles were published in the Black Hills Pioneer and Rapid City Journal. The levels of uranium and other metals published in the SD School of Mines report were screened for health and ecological risks by EPA. Based on this screening, it was determined no additional assessment was required. SD DENR also reviewed this data and came to the same conclusions. Furthermore, a site inspection completed by EPA in 2016 of the Darrow, Freezeout, and Triangle Abandoned Uranium site, located upstream of Angostura Reservoir near Edgemont, SD, and found uranium concentrations in Cheyenne River sediments were comparable to background levels and did not exceed health or ecological risk screening levels. **Contact: Victor Ketellapper, 8EPR-AR, 303-312-6578**